

Strategic 'How-To' report for pro-democracy organizing against the current USA Fascism

In 2022, two scholars at Harvard U. put together a comprehensive analysis on what we can do if the USA falls under authoritarian rule.

It is now vitally important to consider what they said.

This pamphlet contains a few of the key highlights.

The full report, "Pro-democracy Organizing against Autocracy in the United States," is available at: www.Linktr.ee/DOGEmag ... along with other materials to 'Print-/Distro-It-Yourself'.

“An effective strategy will:

Build and maintain a large-scale, multiracial, cross-class, pro-democracy united front that continues to push for structural/institutional reforms and contest for power, even after authoritarianism has appeared to consolidate. The coalition should use ongoing local, county, state, and national elections as flashpoints by which to build a resilient and expansive pro-democracy movement, document election malfeasance, and promote anti-authoritarian platforms, reforms, and talking points for campaigns to take up at all levels of government.

Protect, hold, and build local and community power through alternative institutions to address urgent communal problems, protect minority rights and lives, reinforce an oppositional pro-democratic culture, develop leadership, and build capacity for collective mobilization when needed.

Build pressure to induce defections among those loyal to the autocrat or authoritarian alliance, including through widespread economic noncooperation and labor action.

Prevent, deter, and strengthen resilience to increased threats of state or paramilitary violence through strategic planning and organized and disciplined actions, including building a capacity to anticipate, induce, and exploit defections; broaden inclusive participation; document paramilitary networks; publicize abuses; and demand local accountability.

“Over the course of our inquiry, we did not encounter substantial forethought about the implications of a full-scale authoritarian takeover at the federal level... Overall, most groups and organizations were focused on preventing MAGA victories in state-wide and national elections, rather than responding to an authoritarian transition should it occur...

This report aims to expand the conversation to also prepare for effective organizing and mobilizing in the aftermath of a nationwide authoritarian transition, should one occur after the 2024 election.

“... the organizational infrastructure to develop and implement a nimble strategy in the event of an authoritarian transition does not currently exist in the United States. And, while scenario planning of malign outcomes, such as coups and institutional collapse, has taken place, few coalitions have gamed out potential resistance scenarios.

Thus, we recommend building a united front that can provide the basis for a resilient, nationwide, pro-democracy coalition of local, state, and national left and center-left forces. The united front should have capacities in communications, education, training, intelligence, community power-building, scenario-planning, conflict resolution, and diplomacy.

In building this infrastructure, urgent investments include:

Convening at least five cross-cutting, strategic-planning and trust-building intensive summits of grassroots and grassroots groups interested in forming a united front for multiracial, cross-class, feminist democracy defense.

Developing a multi-pronged communication system to engage, inform, and inspire people from all walks of life to invest in and expand American democracy.

Building an opposition power map.

Engaging in extensive scenario and strategy planning among united front members and their constituencies.

Developing and delivering a large-scale popular education and training apparatus with a shared curriculum.

Establishing a global network of democracy movements, which builds alliances with prodemocratic movements, organizations, and national leaders abroad.

In the event of a democratic collapse at the national level, the united front must immediately implement key steps toward a rapid and sustainable resistance response. These include:

Implementing a multi-year strategy to contest, monitor, and mobilize the pro-democratic united front during election windows, beginning in 2025.

Leveraging labor and social reproductive power on a massive scale.

Activating a nerve center for coordinating credible communications, collective assessments, and communicating tactical moves, and for responding to disinformation and crackdowns.

Training, equipping, and deploying volunteers to document and publicize abuses.

Mobilizing legal assistance and public pressure to secure swift releases from prison.

Implementing organizational security plans, and preparing to move people and assets to safehouses or, in some cases, abroad.

Implementing succession plans when leaders are indisposed, compromised, jailed, or killed.